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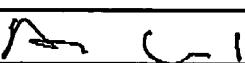
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the specification,

On page 23, line 18, please replace "1b" with "1a".

The preliminary amendment is requested to correct for editorial error. The error is obvious in view of the context and description concerning the isolation of a native human IFN- β gene from human fibroblasts and substituting the serine at position 17 with cysteine to make IFN- β 1b_{ser17} (see page 23, lines 17-19).

Support for the amendment is found throughout the application e.g., see the subsection entitled "Interferon-Beta Muteins" (e.g., page 12, line 34 to page 13, line 36).

In view of the above remarks, no new matter is added by way of the requested amendment. Therefore, entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.